

Madison County Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2020

On Thursday, May 28, 2020, a meeting of the Madison County Board of Health came to order at 4:53 p.m. via web/phone.

Board Members in attendance were, Douglas B. Young D.V.M, Melinda Tichenor- MVMC Lab Director, Dayna Thergesen – CPNP, Molly Biehl – D.O. and Whitney Marsh – RN Ennis Schools. Also in attendance were, Melissa Brummell – MCPHD Director, Jennifer Martens - Public Health Clerk, Lisa Roberts – Town of Ennis, Van Puckett – Sanitarian, Kacey Smart – Sanitarian clerk, Phil Fortner – Madison County Sheriff, Becky DiGiovanna-MHC Tourism, Chris Dobb-Blue Moon Saloon, Bonnie O'Neill – Chief Administrative Officer, Joe Lazarus – Sanitarian in Training, Allison Treloar – MVMC, Chris Gentry – Madison Foods, Chris Hirsch-Icon Archery/MV Waste, Cindy McKittrick-Calamity Janes/Plain Janes, Tammy Mahlstede – Madison County Human Resources, Cori-Pioneer Bar, Corinna Christensen-Ennis Lions Club/Ennis Chamber, Commissioner Dan Allhands-Madison County , Rob Wallingford – DES, Dana Escott-MC Fair Board, Danica Lewis-Ennis Chamber President, Commissioner Jim Hart – Madison County, Kevin Jermaine – Big Sky Resort, David-VC Town Council President, David Baker-VC Rock Shop, Donna McDonald-Upper Canyon Outfitters, Allen Rohrback-MVMC CEO, Erin Montgomery-MCPHD Tobacco, Hannah Kears-The Madisonian, Christina-VC Opera House, Jamie-Ennis Trading Post, Gay Rossow, Jeff & others-Ennis Rodeo, Robin Blazer-Willie's Distillery, Joe Misero-Ennis Lions Club President, Landon Dybdal-RVMC CEO, Tommy Luksha, Liz-Big Sky Resort, Marshall Bettendorf-Ennis Chamber of Commerce, Mary Oliver-Madison Valley Bank, Mayor Bob Stump-Town of Sheridan, Katie Grice-Big Sky Resort, Melinda Merrill-BHHSMT, Jack Albrecht-Thompson-Hickman Library, Guy Turck, Melissa-Lure Me Inn, Mike Verdon-Brewery Follies, Paul-Ruby Springs Lodge, Rebecca Gaylord-KBZK, Greg J-Rambling Moose Campground, Russ Hamilton-Alder Creek, Scott Kelley-Gravel Bar, Shawna-Bob's Pizza, VC Council, Sheri-Pic A Nic Basket, Tanya Engle-4H/VC Elks Lodge, Tony Simonsen-Home Park, Aaron Davis, Bobbie Newman, C Todd, Chris Hauck, Dave, David, Dulcie Clark, Joe Haas, Kali Hardy, Karen Ketchu, Kay Rossow, Kelly, Lacy, Lindsay Haller, Marge, Mary Sedwick, Nancy, Rich Gockel, Ron Gay, Sharee Cope, Sheri Jarvis, Steve, Tawnya Clark and various others phone numbers from the public that did not identify themselves.

Governor Bullocks directive and potential need for stricter orders

Melissa Brummell, Public Health Director read Governor Bullock's Phase 2 reopening directive that will go into effect June 1, 2020. Doug Young, Board of Health chair explained the difference between directives and orders. Melissa explained that directives must be followed and that the Board of Health can make stricter guidelines for Madison County. Numerous community members had questions regarding COVID-19. Melissa addressed the questions and referred everyone to also rely on Governor Bullocks COVID-19 webpage. There are different documents that are frequently updated such as: Frequently asked questions that are extremely helpful. The issue regarding gloves and masks being required at certain businesses was address by Van Puckett, Sanitarian. He explained that the requirements are up to the individual business owner but masks are

highly recommended to be utilized. Gloves are not as effective as hand washing and can cause cross contamination. A community member asked when it is thought Phase 3 will become effective and if there is a solid number that would advance us or push us into a previous phase. Governor Bullock has not addressed a specific number that would do so. Melinda Tichenor made the motion to align with Governor Bullock's directive for Phase 2. Whitney Marsh second the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Recommendations and/or order for Parades, Celebrations, Rodeos, Fairs and Gatherings

Governor Bullock's Phase 2 reopening directive will start June 1, 2020. This will open gatherings up to 50 people. He has asked that the community work with the Public Health department on events over 50 people. Open topics include: will each event need approval from the board or public health department? What information will need to be submitted in the event plan? Melissa expressed concern that we do not have enough staffing in the Public Health department to work on numerous events. Dayna Thergeson is concerned with going through the review process if we do not have support from law enforcement to make sure the events are being compliant. The Board of Health members after much discussion elected to formulate a plan on how approvals will need to be reviewed and it will be tabled until the next meeting on June 16, 2020.

Expectations of Local Law Enforcement

Sheriff Fortner notified the Board of Health that his office will not enforce Governor Bullock's directives. He feels it infringes on the community rights and could open the county up for potential lawsuits. He feels the residents of Madison County need to take personal responsibility for their decisions. He believes the county has no immunity from legal liabilities since the directive did not go through the legal process. He recommends the Public Health department and Board of Health go through the county legal counsel for enforcement.

Preliminary Public Health Budget FY 20-21 discussion

Melissa presented the 2020/2021 budget documents and notified the board that the county commissioners approved her RN director position to resume fulltime status

Pandemic Flu Plan approval

Melissa presented the Pandemic Flu Plan. Melinda Tichenor made the motion to approve the Pandemic Flu plan as written. Dayna Thergeson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Additional Agenda Items

Community member Sheri Jarvis inquired how the state is monitoring active cases. Melissa explained that it goes by prominent residency just like STD cases etc. Sheri is concerned that this skews the accurate numbers of COVID-19 outbreaks from our community events.

Approval of Minutes

Molly Biehl made the motion to approve the April 23, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Dayna Thergesen seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting date:

The next COVID-19 meeting will be on Tuesday, June 16, 2020. We will review how the Board of Health would like to proceed with approvals and denials of events with over 50 people.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

Meeting Adjourned:

A motion to adjourn was made by Melinda Tichenor at 7:35 pm, Molly Biehl second the motion, all voted Aye, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Douglas B. Young, Chairman
Madison County Board of Health

Date Approved: June 16, 2020

Minutes prepared by:

 7/1/2020

Jennifer Martens, Public Health Clerk